

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**Please add new claims 30 and 31 and amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:

the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

the second fitting portion comprising a first engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein ~~a portion of said second fitting portion, which is common to a portion of said first fitting portion forming a middle of said S-character,~~ comprises a second engaging pawl opposing said first engaging pawl, wherein the first engaging pawl and the second engaging pawl overlap close to one another vertically, and

the securing clip being arranged such that, when ~~a regulating wall of the second panel and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip,~~ and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

2. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein the engagement wall exists in bilateral symmetry.

3. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.
4. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.
5. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, further comprising a detachment grip portion.
- 6-7. (Canceled).
8. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.
9. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.
- 10-13. (Canceled).
14. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel having a hole to a second panel having a hole and a regulating wall, the securing clip comprising:

a first U-shaped fitting comprising a first engaging pawl on an inner wall of the first U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the first panel; and

a second U-shaped fitting comprising:

a second engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the second panel;

an engagement wall comprising an engaging face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting, wherein the first U-shaped fitting and the second U-shaped fitting form an S-shaped cross-section; and

a third engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting and opposing said second engaging pawl, wherein the second engaging pawl and the third engaging pawl overlap close to one another vertically,

the securing clip being arranged such that, when ~~the regulating wall of the second panel and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting in an insertion direction of the clip,~~ and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting.

15. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein the engagement wall comprises a pair of engagement walls each having said engaging face.

16. (Previously Presented) The clip of claim 15, wherein said pair of engagement walls is symmetrically positioned around said second engaging pawl.

17. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said engagement face is inclined with respect to an axis which is perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

18. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, further comprising a detachment grip integrally provided on an outside wall face at the opening end of the second U-shaped fitting.

19. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said second fitting further comprises a rib wall on an inner wall face.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 1, wherein said second engaging pawl comprises a pair of second engaging pawls receiving said first engaging pawl between the pair of second engaging pawls.

22. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said third engaging pawl comprises a pair of third engaging pawls receiving said second engaging pawl between the pair of third engaging pawls.

23. (Currently Amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:  
the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and  
each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion and a second engaging pawl opposing said engaging pawl, wherein the engaging pawl and the second engaging pawl overlap close to one another vertically,

wherein said engagement wall is provided parallel to an inner wall face of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion, and

the securing clip being arranged such that, when ~~a regulating wall of the second panel member and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip, and~~ said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

24. (Currently Amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and  
a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:  
the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and  
each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall

having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion and a second engaging pawl opposing said engaging pawl, wherein the engaging pawl and the second engaging pawl overlap close to one another vertically,

wherein said engagement face is positioned substantially in the center between an open end and the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion, and

the securing clip being arranged such that, when ~~a regulating wall~~ of the second panel member and the engagement wall are engaged, ~~an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip,~~ and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

25-28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, further comprising a detachment grip portion:

wherein the engagement wall exists in bilateral symmetry, and

wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.

30. (New) A panel apparatus, comprising:

a first panel;

a second panel; and

a securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member,

comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape,

wherein having an S-shaped cross section,

wherein the second fitting portion comprises a first engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein a portion of said second fitting portion, which is common to a portion of said first fitting portion forming a middle of said S-character, comprises a second engaging pawl opposing said first engaging pawl, and

wherein the securing clip being arranged such that, when a regulating wall of the second panel and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip, and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

31. (New) The securing clip according to claim 1, further comprising a resilient wall piece separated by a slit and extending from a rear end of the second fitting portion to an open end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in a central part of an upper plate that forms a contour of the S-shaped cross section,

wherein the first engaging pawl is formed on an inner wall face of the resilient wall piece.